



Creative Kids Northern Cultural Fund Guidelines

Application deadline: March 5, 2021

Creative Kids Saskatchewan and SaskCulture have partnered to help fund programming that provides cultural, artistic or creative inter-active activities for children and youth ages 4 to 19 in northern Saskatchewan (within the **Northern Sport, Culture and Recreation District boundaries**. Please see District Map). The Creative Kids Northern Cultural Fund may be used to support youth-focused cultural programs up to **\$5,000**. *This funding initiative is made possible thanks to the support of Sask Lotteries.*

Role of the Northern Sport, Culture and Recreation District

SaskCulture Inc. and Creative Kids are working in partnership with the Northern Sport, Culture and Recreation District to assist in the promotion, support and delivery of the Creative Kids Northern Cultural Fund. Applicants are encouraged to connect with Northern District staff for guidance regarding their application. Please visit www.nscrd.com/info/contact-us-1.html to contact a district representative in your area.

OBJECTIVES

The Creative Kids Northern Cultural Fund aims to fund programs that support and strengthen the mission, vision and goals of the Creative Kids Program which include:

- connecting children and youth to unique, life-changing artistic and cultural experiences in their communities;
- providing all children and youth with the opportunity to participate in creative activities regardless of economic barriers they may face;
- providing financial support so all kids have an opportunity to participate in creative activities like drama, art, dance, culture, and music; and
- supporting cultural programming, which is critical to a healthy, vibrant community.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for funding applicants must have **no outstanding grant follow-up reports** due to SaskCulture. Eligible organizations include:

- **Registered non-profit organization in Saskatchewan**, which includes Métis Locals/Regions. The applicant must be in existence as a registered non-profit for at least one full fiscal year; and have a primarily cultural mandate in Arts, Heritage, Multiculturalism or Cultural Industries as defined by SaskCulture's Cultural Policy, or otherwise demonstrate significant engagement in cultural activity

OR

- **First Nations, Tribal Councils or Municipalities**

OR

- **Schools**

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

The CCKNCF is intended to support cultural, artistic or creative interactive projects / programs for children and youth aged 4 to 19 who have financial barriers to participation and who reside within Saskatchewan's Northern Sport, Culture and Recreation District.

Programming must take place outside of the regular school curriculum and hours.

Programs can be new or existing but must be cultural / creative in nature and focused on youth aged 4 to 19. Eligible projects must start no sooner than four (4) weeks after the application deadline, and must end within twelve (12) months of the project start date. Projects that commence sooner than 4 weeks after the deadline will not be considered. Retroactive project funding is not eligible.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES include:

Arts / Creative Activities – drawing, sculpture, photography, filmmaking, pottery, creative writing, painting, board game design, video game creation, fashion design, music recording / production, printmaking, etc.

Culture – heritage activities, Indigenous traditional arts, language lessons (except French or English), genealogy, archaeology, regalia making, land-based traditional education, etc.

Dance – hip hop, modern, jigging, tap, salsa, jazz, ballet, powwow, hoop, etc.

Drama / Theatre – acting, theatre workshops, improv, playwriting, etc.

Music – piano, drums, choir (except school choirs), guitar, singing, band instruments, bass, banjo, etc.

Camps – band camp, bluegrass camp, drama / theatre camps, circus camps, art camps, museum camps, girls rock camp, etc. (Camp must provide children with quality art, music, drama, dance, heritage or cultural activities. Leadership camps, 4-H, Boy / Girl Scouts and bible camps are not eligible).

PRIORITY will be given to:

- The equitable distribution funds across the northern District.
- Projects and organizations not already funded significantly by other Lottery-supported grant programs;
- Projects with a focus on implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action or other reconciliation efforts. The TRC Calls to Action can be found at:
[http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Findings/Calls to Action English2.pdf](http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Findings/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf).

Projects that are submitted that do not meet the eligibility requirements will not be reviewed. Please consult with SaskCulture for options.

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Any activity primarily based on fitness, sport, recreation, science or religion is generally not eligible. The following activities are not eligible:

- Programming / projects taking place during regular school hours
- Fitness and physical activity – Zumba, yoga, gymnastics, baton twirling, cheerleading, or sports.
- 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, summer camps (except artistic and cultural camps)
- Lego-based activities and camps
- Youth leadership conferences
- Science and engineering-based activities (video game design is eligible)
- Programming, web development and coding
- Bible camps
- Art therapy
- French or English classes
- Fees for choir trips, band trips and school band fees
- Activities that promote definable religious or political viewpoints
- Activities that focus on technical skills like woodworking, sewing, or cooking unless there is an artistic or cultural aspects are the main focus.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Funds can be used to cover costs associated with operating a cultural, creative or artistic program, including:

- Expenses directly tied to holding cultural activity or activities for children and youth ages 4 to 19;
- Honorariums / Fees for Elders / Traditional Knowledge Keepers / Cultural Workers / Facilitators;
- Travel and accommodations for facilitators and participants;
- Facility and equipment rentals;
- Supplies and materials needed to complete the activity;
- Healthy nutrition;
- Insurance (special event insurance);
- Evaluation costs and;
- Advertising and promotional costs.

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Funds may not be used for:

- Retroactive program funding;
- Construction, renovations or repairs;
- Capital expenditures;
- Cash prizes or gifts;
- Purchase of alcohol;
- Activity that exclusively promotes definable religious or political viewpoints;
- Volunteer hours as a budget expense;
- Allowances, wages or personal expenses for registrants and participants;
- Operating costs, salaries and related expenses of existing staff of the applicant organization(s);
- Normal operational expenses; and
- In-kind contributions and donations of goods and services.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must submit a complete application form and budget.
- Applicants must clearly demonstrate how the program fulfills the vision and goals of Creative Kids Saskatchewan.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to include letters of support from community stakeholders.
- Applications must be completed online at grant.saskculture.ca and are due **March 5, 2021** by 11:59pm. Late applications will not be considered for funding.
- Successful applicants must commit to providing the follow up report 45 days after the end of the project.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Consultant for the program to discuss their application prior to submitting.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Completed applications received in full and on time will be adjudicated by volunteer assessors appointed by SaskCulture Inc. and will include representatives from Creative Kids and the northern communities of Saskatchewan.
- Applicants will be notified regarding the success of their application within approximately 4 weeks of the application deadline.
- Funding decisions are final and will not be revisited or appealed.
- **Funds may only be used for the eligible activities outlined in your application. Significant changes to the use of funds must be approved by SaskCulture. Funds may not be transferred to other activities or organizations and unused funds must be returned to SaskCulture.**
- **If approved, you are required to retain all supporting receipts** and the Follow-Up Report form is immediately available online and should be referred to at the beginning of the project as statistical information will need to be gathered during the project.
- Successful applicants receive 75% of their total grant allocation upon grant approval and the remaining 25% upon SaskCulture's acceptance of a recipients' properly filed Follow-up Report.

APPLICATION ASSESSMENT

The volunteer peer assessors adjudicate applications based on the following criteria:

- Evidence of the ability of the organization to carry out the project and deliver quality programs and services
- Extent to which the project provides quality cultural, artistic or creative inter-active activities for children and youth ages 4 to 19 in northern Saskatchewan
- Evidence and qualifications of the key cultural leaders
- Extent to which the activity is responsive to a community identified need
- Realistic and responsible use of resources (funds, volunteers, etc.)

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